

HUSBAND ROOKER, Samuel McRae

Born 5 Oct 1813 Place Wells, York S.C.
 Chr. Place
 Marr. 5 Aug 1835 Place Noxubee County, Mississippi
 Died 16 Nov 1894 Place Center, Wasatch, Utah
 Bur. Place
 HUSBAND'S FATHER ROOKER, Jennings
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

Husband ROOKER, Samuel McRae (1813)

Wife WOOLRIDGE, Amilia Emily
 Ward 1. E. A.
 Examiners: 2. P.T.D.
 Stake or Cassia East
 Mission

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING RECORD
 Elbert Lorenzo Durfee
 150 N. Main Street
 Almo, Idaho, 83312

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WIFE WOOLRIDGE, Amilia(Permitia) Emily

Born 7 Mar 1801 Place Elbert Co. Georgia
 Chr. Place
 Died 31 Aug 1881 Place Center Creek, Wasatch, Utah
 Bur. Place Center Creek Cemetery, Wasatch, Utah
 WIFE'S FATHER WOOLRIDGE, Thomas
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS 1) 27 Oct 1817 HUNDLEY, Jordon Y or HOMLEY, Jordon Y

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	M ROOKER, James William	14	June	1836	Macon	Noxbe	Miss	7 @ 12 yrs 1mo & 3days	17	July	1848
2	F ROOKER, Lucynthia Rebecca	27	Sep	1837	Macon	"	"	COLE, William Leroy	24	June	1907
3	M ROOKER, John Bunyon	25	Apr	1839	"	"	"	7 Mar 1866	18	Sep	1908
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION 1. Temple Records I B 2, Original Endowment House book 3. Madison Co. Court house for Hundley - Woolridge mar. Macon, Noxubee Co Courthouse records for Rooker- Woolridge Honley mar. L. D. S. Obituaries (Film p# 29 . Archive record submitted by C. L. Knight , How Beautiful Upon The Mountains"

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

HUSBAND

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER _____
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

HUSBAND'S
MOTHER _____**WIFE**

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER _____
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

WIFE'S
MOTHER _____

PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt.

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the person submitting the sheet, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORDHusband
WifeSamuel McRae ROOKER
Emily W.

THE ROOKER FAMILY LINE



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and killed him. A trial was held and John was acquitted. After this shooting, the family left and returned to Texas the late summer or early fall of 1858. When leaving, they traded their 16 city lots for some horses. They found matters worse than when they left so immediately returned to Denver. A party of six or eight families decided to go west again by wagon and during the early winter went over south pass in Colorado and arrived at a fort in Springville, Utah late in 1858. It was while at Springville that John met his wife-to-be, Mary Elizabeth Smith, born in Pottowotmmy County, Iowa, October 6, 1851. They were married at Heber, March 7, 1866.

After checking the land settlement possibilities in the Heber Valley, Samuel decided to go there and was among the first settlers in the old Fort Heber settlement, building a cabin there either the summer of 1859 or spring of 1860. The family moved to Center Creek and Samuel died and was buried there November 16, 1894.

It is regrettable that so little was recorded of the life of Samuel Rooker in the Heber Valley. Even the date of his death has been lost but love for peace and harmony among men made him a good neighbor and a tireless worker for the welfare of his family.

John Bunyon Rooker was born April 25, 1840 in Nuxubee County, Mississippi. A short time later the family moved to Texas after the Mexican-Texas war and took up land. As the tempest began to brew which precipitated the Civil War, Samuel and a few other close friends felt they wanted no part in the fighting; so they sold or gave away their land and slaves and left for the west, having heard of the settling of Oregon, Utah and California. They arrived on Cherry Creek, Colorado, and camped on what is now known as Denver the spring of 1858. They decided to stay for awhile as Mrs. Eleanor Hundley was soon to have a baby. This son, named Jefferson Hundley, is claimed by the family to be the first white child born in the Denver vicinity.

Samuel and his son, John, then a young man of 18 years, built a log cabin and have been credited in official Denver history of building the first house in Denver, then known as Auraria. They were given 16 city lots for this honor.

John, a restless young man, engaged in a bit of poker playing during the summer, became involved in a fight over a card game and when the man, Jack O'Neil, came for John with a gun, John was ready and shot

John Rooker joined the Latter-day Saint Church, but was never active. His life was filled with disappointments for his family, as he was a constant user of liquor and spent a great deal of his time gambling. He was, however, an indulgent, kind-hearted and generous husband and father. Perhaps too much so for the good of himself and family. John B. Rooker died at Center while walking home from a visit to his daughter's, Verna R. Blake Allison, home on September 18, 1908. Six children were born of this marriage, John, James, Mary, Sarah, Verna and Thomas. 1082

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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